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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Repetition Rate High Powered Laser for Fusion Energy in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of California, San Diego, located at 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093. The funding would be used to purchase a repetition rate high powered laser that will be used to discover new materials and technologies to advance commercial fusion energy.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help ensure that San Diego and the nation remain competitive in the global race to develop and harness fusion energy for commercial use. This investment leverages existing expertise and facilities for fusion energy and helps position the San Diego region as a fusion hub that will bolster the local economy as the fusion industry rapidly grows.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 272.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott H. Peters".

Scott H. Peters
Member of Congress